

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) to (f) The amount of Rs. 47.55 crores was the outlay for the Eighth Five Year Plan for the scheme of National Rehabilitation Programme for the Handicapped. A centrally sponsored Plan scheme was drafted in the year 1993-94 with a view to reaching to the rural handicapped population the benefits of welfare programme meant for the handicapped. As the State Govts. were not responsive about this scheme it could not be finalised. However, the scheme is being revised in the light of the added responsibility that have been cast upon appropriate Governments by the persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995.

Ambedkar Village Schemes and Gandhi Gram Schemes

5562. DR. BALI RAM :

VAIDYA DAU DAYAL JOSHI :

SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV :

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have implemented Ambedkar Gram and Gandhi Gram Schemes in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the locations which have been taken under these schemes and the amount allocated for this purpose during the last three years;

(c) the details of the locations where these schemes are proposed to be implemented and the amount proposed to be allocated therefor, State/Union Territory-wise;

(d) whether the progress of these schemes is unsatisfactory; and

(e) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) to (e) Information is

being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act

5563. SHRI N.J. RATHAWA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act is not being effectively implemented in the States especially in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to issue guidelines to the States for the strict implementation of the Act;

(d) if not, the details thereof;

(e) the number of cases registered under the said Act in the States especially in Gujarat during the last three years; and

(f) the present position in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations have been asked to improve further the implementation of the Act by strengthening the administrative, enforcement, review and judicial machinery for the purpose.

(c) and (d) Detailed guidelines have already been issued to the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations from time to time for the effective implementation of the Act. The Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Rules, 1995, which provide a systematic framework and procedures for implementation of the Act, have also been notified on 31.3.1995.

(e) A statement is annexed.

(f) The information is being collected.